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SUBJ: PLO POLITICS

1. PNC MEETING. RELIABLE SOURCE TELLS US HE LEARNED EVENING JAN. 15 FROM PLO'S CAIRO BUREAU CHIEF GAMAL SURANI (FATAH), WHO MEMBER PALESTINE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THAT FATAH CENTRAL COMMAND IS CONFIDENT THAT PNC WILL MEET IN SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY.

2. PNC MEMBERSHIP. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF HOW PNC DELS ARE TRADITIONALLY SELECTED IS FROM SURANI, THROUGH SAME RELIABLE SOURCE:

A. "FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS" (I.E., FATAH, ETC) ARE ASSIGNED QUOTA AND EACH ORGANIZATION NAMES ITS OWN DELEGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT QUOTA.

B. "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" (I.E.) TRADE UNIONS, WOMEN'S

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GROUPS, YOUTH SOCIETIES, ETC.) ALSO NAME THEIR DELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUOTA ASSIGNED TO THEM.

C. "INDEPENDENTS", WHICH INCLUDES NOT ONLY RESIDENTS OF GAZA AND WEST BANK BUT ALSO PALESTINIAN EMIGRES, ARE NAMED BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. IN THE PAST THIS COMMITTEE HAS CONSISTED OF THE PNC SPEAKER, THE DEPUTY SPEAKER, AND "ONE OR TWO" SECRETARIES WHO TOGETHER MAKE UP THE PNC

"BUREAU". PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ALSO INCLUDES ALL MEMBERS OF EXCOMM AND "ANY OTHER ADVISORS WHO MIGHT BE HELPFUL".

3. COMMENT: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT EGYPT WANTS THREE THINGS FROM PNC: AGREEMENT TO GO TO GENEVA, FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE, AND CLEAR ENUNCIATION OF WILLINGNES SFORM WEST BANK/GAZA "STATE". GOE ALSO ENDEAVORING PERSUADE MODERATE PLO LEADERSHIP BUY IDEA OF FORMAL POLITICAL LINK WITH JORDAN, AS WAS MADE CLEAR IN HUSAIN -SADAT COMMUNIQUE. THAT SOME PALESTINAIANS WILL REQUIRE MUCH PERSUASION TO SIMILARLY GO ON RECORD IS OBVIOUS. OFFICIALLY INSPIRED ARTICLE IN OCTOBER MAGAZINE THIS WEEK ECHOES GOE'S WISHFUL THINKING THAT MOST IMPORTANT RESULT HUSAIN-SADAT MEETING SHOULD BE HUSAIN- ARAFAT TETE-A-TETE. WHATEVER ARAFAT'S CURRENT STATE OF MIND MAY BE, ABU IYAD, SPEAKING TO PALESTINIAN STUDENTS IN CAIRO WHILE HUSAIN WAS IN EGYPT, SPECIFICIALLY REJECTED NOTION OF A "NON-INDEPENDENT", DEMILITARIZED PALESITNIAN STATE WHICH WOULD BE SOBORDINATE TO ISRAEL OR JORDAN. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ABU IYAD HAD MEETING WITH SADAT DURING HIS LATEST VISIT TO EGYPT.
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